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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Public Utilities One South Station, Second Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: Request of the Attorney General for Technical Sessions on the Avoided Energy

Supply Costs in New England: 2007 Final Report.

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Two days ago the Attorney General submitted a letter amending its request of June 9 in which she asks the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to hold a technical session to review Avoided Energy Supply Costs in New England: 2007 Final Report (2007 Report). The Attorney General's letter of June 18 now seeks to amend its general request for a technical session regarding the aforementioned report by refashioning its request as one to review the 2007 Report as part of the record in three open energy efficiency dockets: KeySpan 2008-2012 Energy Efficiency Plan and Offer of Settlement approval, D.P.U. 07-104; National Grid Energy Efficiency Plan and Offer of Settlement approval, D.P.U. 08-8; NSTAR Electric Energy Efficiency Plan and Offer of Settlement approval, D.P.U. 08-10.

We restate our support for a technical session to better inform and reassure all interested parties in the methodology and conclusions of the 2007 Report as consistent with our desire for maintaining transparency. In that spirit, the DOER expressed to the Attorney General its support for a general technical session. However, we do not support

a technical session that is tied to the three existing dockets now open before the Department. The DOER is anxious that this linkage would contribute to further delays in issuing final rulings. With respect to the much delayed decision in D.P.U. 07-104, the DOER has particular misgivings. As expressed in our letter of June 10, we reiterate our request for an expedited review so as to prevent further crippling the delivery of energy efficiency programs, especially to the low-income community.

The DOER renews its interest in a general technical session that seeks to review the 2007 Report in the interest of informing stakeholders who did not have the opportunity to participate in the process that created the study. We also note that energy markets have changed significantly since the study was done, so avoided costs in the 2007 study are likely understated.

Sincerely,

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